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<TEXT>I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change
how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am
concerned that this proposal will add to my expenses as a
retiree, another of the increasing number of unanticipated
expenses that keep coming to us elderly folks.
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Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and

primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I have a teenage daughter who needs a cell phone for emergency use. Big businesses should pay their fair share, which is tax deductible to them. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Sincerely,

Leo Bourne P.O. Box 6655 Charlottesville, Virginia 22906